

JULY 2026

“Jony’s Journey”

Jony & Soojin with Team Expansion in Malaysia

The Disciple Blueprint · Bible Mission Services Multiplying disciples among the unreached in Malaysia & Southeast Asia



July 2026 “Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.” — William Carey

1 GRATEFUL REFLECTIONS

Dear friends,

This month I did not preach in a kampung. I preached in England.

From 9 July, Soojin and I spent 22 days in the United Kingdom. Eight of those days were at the Connect 2026 Mission Conference at High Leigh Conference Centre in Hoddesdon, together with around 230 missionaries from the United States, Europe, Africa and Asia.

I went expecting to learn. I came home with friendships, invitations, and a few stories I have not stopped thinking about.

Here are three of them.

2 THREE STORIES FROM JULY

A Malaysian in an English Pulpit

On a Sunday morning I stood on the platform at St Luke’s Church in Watford, in front of Rev Mi. and his congregation, with Pa. and Ji. beside me.

I want you to feel how strange that is.

For two hundred years, England sent missionaries to Asia. Now an Asian pastor was standing in an English church, telling them what God is doing among the Orang Asli of Malaysia — and asking them to pray for us.

The room was warm. People stayed afterwards to talk. Several asked how they could be trained, not just informed.

The mission field is no longer “over there.” It runs in both directions now.

Later in the trip we visited John Wesley’s Chapel and Spurgeon’s Metropolitan Tabernacle. I stood in buildings where the fire was lit — the same fire that eventually reached my part of the world.

Standing there, I understood something simple. Wesley and Spurgeon did not build a movement by counting crowds. They built it by training ordinary people and sending them out. That is the whole of what we are trying to do in Malaysia.

Elisha — Three Days, and a Question She Could Not Shake

Elisha is a Malaysian sister living and working in London.

We travelled together for three days, through London and Oxford. Long train rides. Long conversations. The kind of talk you cannot have in a one-hour meeting.

We shared our faith with each other. We prayed. And then I asked her the question I ask everyone: what if God did not send you to London only for a job?

She has agreed to go through the Zúme Discipleship Training. If she does, London gains a disciple-maker who speaks the language of her own community there.

- **Please pray for Elisha** — for courage to step out of her comfort zone, and for God to use her mightily where she already lives.

Brother Alex — Twenty Years Nobody Applauded

At the conference I met a brother I will call Alex.

For twenty years he has worked on Bible translation for Nepal. Back-end work. The kind of work with no stage, no photographs, and no applause. He is still doing it. He intends to give his whole life to the Nepali people.

I sat with him and told him about our work in Malaysia. He was interested enough to talk about visiting us later this year, when his travels allow.

We will also put our discipleship training system into his hands — not so he can run a programme, but so he has something to feed his own walk with God after two decades of pouring out.

Twenty years of unseen work is not a small ministry. It is the reason someone in Nepal will one day read John chapter 3 in their own language.

And Many More

There were too many good people to name them all. But I want to remember a few:

- Pastors from China and Hong Kong at Petts Wood Church — a reminder that God has scattered Asian believers across Britain for a reason.
- Si. and Li. in Plymouth, who welcomed us and encouraged us.
- Pa., Ji., Alex, Ch., Rev Mi., Ps Lu., Ma., Jo., Me., An., Ka. — and many others.

- Leaders from Methodist, Baptist and Anglican churches across the UK, several of whom want to keep talking about training.

July, in six lines

Days in the United Kingdom (from 9 July)	22
Days at Connect 2026, High Leigh, Hoddesdon	8
Missionaries gathered at the conference	~230
Sunday preaching — St Luke's Church, Watford	1
Zúme cohorts still running back home in Malaysia	4
UK church traditions connected with	Anglican · Methodist · Baptist

We keep our numbers small and honest. The stories above are what the numbers are actually made of.

3 MEANWHILE, BACK HOME

Here is the part of the month I am most quietly grateful for.

I was away for most of July. The training did not stop.

Four Zúme cohorts kept meeting in four languages, carried by local leaders who did not need me in the room. That is the whole point of what we are building — a work that keeps going when the missionary is on a plane.

Zúme Mandarin — new cohort (started 16 June)

- 14 students — 9 from China, 5 from Malaysia.
- Leaders: Soojin, Jo.

Zúme Cantonese — ongoing

- 35 students currently in training.
- Leaders: Dr. Lo., An., Ma., Er.

Zúme English — ongoing

- 3 students meeting in person at a local café.
- Leaders: Em., Ch., Ma.

Zúme Bahasa Malaysia — leadership network

- Leaders: Ka., Sa., Za., Be.
- 25 leaders and members under their care in Kampar and Ulu Kampar, Perak.

4 PRAYER REQUESTS & NEXT STEPS

Would you pray with us?

- **For Elisha** — that she begins Zúme training in London and steps out to make disciples there.

- **For brother Alex** — for strength in twenty more years of unseen work, and for his possible visit to us later this year.
- **For the UK friendships** — that conversations about training become actual training.
- **For our four language cohorts** — endurance and unity for the leaders carrying them.
- **For Soojin and me** — rest and re-entry after a long stretch of travel.

What comes next

- Follow up with the newly trained leaders at Batu Pahat — begin forming 3/3 groups.
- Disciple and establish the five new believers from June in their first steps of faith.
- Carry the Mandarin cohort (China + Malaysia) through its first full cycle.
- Explore next steps with Patani Baptist Church toward sustained Southern Thailand outreach.
- Continue groundwork for the Indonesia (Medan) deployment.
- Prepare for the Zúme Advanced Training at Gopeng, Perak — 3–6 November 2026.

CLOSING

I have been asked before whether a small work in Malaysia really matters.

This month I stood in Wesley’s chapel and Spurgeon’s pulpit-shadow, and then I sat on a train with one Malaysian sister in London and asked her one question.

Both felt like the same work.

Thank you for praying, giving, and going with us. You are part of every group that meets, every conversation on a train, and every quiet twenty-year job nobody claps for.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...”

Ephesians 3:20



To God be all the glory.

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Prayer is the first partnership. If you read this and prayed, you have already given.

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